

2. PROCESSING OF APPLICATION

- 2.1. EPU will co-ordinate and decide on all applications received after taking into consideration comments from the relevant agencies as stated below:
 - 2.1.1. Ministries/Departments/Government Agencies, local institutions of higher learning/local research institutions and other agencies that have a direct interest in the research area proposed or whose comments and co-operation are deemed necessary to ensure the successful completion of the research;
 - 2.1.2. The relevant state governments in which the research is to be conducted; and
 - 2.1.3. The Malaysian counterpart as stated in the application form.

- 2.2. EPU will contact the applicant if necessary to:
 - 2.2.1. Obtain additional explanation as to particular aspects of the research proposed;
 - 2.2.2. Incorporate amendments to the research proposal relating to the area of research, scope and other aspects if deemed necessary; and
 - 2.2.3. Co-operate with the Malaysian counterpart for mutual benefit.

- 2.3. EPU will make its decision by taking into consideration the comments of the agencies referred to, and will then inform the applicant and the relevant agencies. The approval letter given to the researcher will stipulate all the conditions for the conduct of the research.